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NOTICE

TO ALL REGISTERED PSYCHOLOGISTS

Effective September 1, 2001, applicants will be eligible to take the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) upon completion of 1,500 hours of qualifying supervised professional experience and completion of the qualifying doctoral degree. No longer will applicants need to delay taking the EPPP until completion of the 1,500 hours of post-doctoral experience. Applicants who now meet the requirements and wish to take the EPPP must submit a licensing application and include the \$532 EPPP fee. A copy of the licensing application can be obtained from the board's website (www.psychboard.ca.gov).

Also, on July 12, 2001 the Office of Administrative Law approved regulations that give the California Board of Psychology the authority to offer the computer administered version of the EPPP. With the approval of these regulations, the paper and pencil version of the EPPP will no longer be offered in California.

With the implementation of the computer administered EPPP, applicants will apply to the board as has always been done. The board will review applicants' credentials and once it has been determined that an applicant possesses a qualifying doctoral degree, has completed at least 1,500 hours of qualifying supervised professional experience, and has paid the \$532 examination fee to the board, the applicant's name will be forwarded to the Professional Examination Service (PES) in New York. Subsequently, PES will provide the applicant with application materials that must be completed and returned to PES in order to take the computer administered EPPP. These completed materials will be reviewed by PES. A letter will be sent by PES to each qualified applicant authorizing him/her to sit for the EPPP. This Authorization to Test Letter will provide the applicant with the toll-free telephone number to the testing center for use in scheduling an examination appointment and for additional instructions on the scheduling process. Applicants must schedule and sit for the EPPP within sixty days of the date on the Authorization to Test Letter. When the applicant calls the testing center for an appointment to test, he/she will be required to pay a testing fee of \$65.00. Applicants must follow all directions provided by PES and the testing center in scheduling a testing appointment.

If an applicant does not pass the EPPP, there is a sixty-day waiting period required between retakes of the EPPP. Candidates may take the computer administered EPPP up to four times in any twelve month period.

Watch for more details on the board's website for developments affecting the board's licensing examination program.